REMARKS

Claims 11-17 and 22-27 have been allowed.

Claims 1-2 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Leistner (US 5,762,190). Claims 1-3 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Nakata et al. (US 4,955,476). Claims 18-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Hickman (US 5,499,724). Claims 1-3 and 18-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Ferranti (US 5,385,183). The examiner is requested to reconsider these rejections.

Claim 1 has been amended above to clarify applicant's claimed invention. Claim 1 claims that the crimp die pin is sized and shaped to have one of the crimp dies mounted thereon to thereby hold the crimp die on the holder. Nowhere in Leistner, Nakata et al., or Ferranti is there a disclosure or suggestion of a crimp die pin which is sized and shaped to have a crimp die mounted thereon to thereby hold the crimp die on a holder. The features of claim 1 are not disclosed or suggested in the art of record. Therefore, claim 1 is patentable and should be allowed.

Though the claims dependent upon claim 1 contain their own allowable subject matter, these claims should at least be allowable due to their dependence from allowable claim 1. However, to expedite prosecution at this time, no further comment will be made.

Claim 18 has been amended above to clarify applicant's claimed invention. Claim 18 claims that the die storing and

organizing system comprises at least one die pin formed as an integral part of the holder as a one piece member, and that the at least one die pin is sized and shaped to receive a die on the first and second sections to hold the die on the holder at the first and second sides. Ferranti does not disclose or suggest a die storing and organizing system comprising at least one die pin formed as an integral part of the holder as a one piece member. Ferranti does not disclose or suggest a die pin which is sized and shaped to receive a die on the first and second sections to hold the die on a holder at first and second sides. The features of claim 18 are not disclosed or suggested in the cited art. Therefore, claim 18 is patentable and should be allowed.

Though the claims dependent upon claim 18 contain their own allowable subject matter, these claims should at least be allowable due to their dependence from allowable claim 18. However, to expedite prosecution at this time, no further comment will be made.

Claim 28 has been added to claim the features recited therein. Claim 2 has been cancelled to allow for examination of claim 28.

For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now present in the application are patentable over the cited art. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested. Should any unresolved issues remain, the examiner is invited to call applicant's attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

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